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SUBJECT: US-EC NINE DRAFT DECLARATION: NEXT STEPS

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1. DURING MEETING WITH DCM ON OCTOBER 30 FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH PROPSOECT OF EARLY RESUMPTION OF US-EC DIALOGUE AND SAID THAT FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW A MEETING OF THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ANY TIME DURING THE NOVEMBER 12-14 PERIOD WOULD BE FINE. HE ASSUMED THAT THE EC PRESIDENCY, I.E., THE DANES, WOULD DECIDE ON THE SPECIFIC DATE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER EC MEMBERS. VAN LYNDEN, WHO HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH DIPLOMATIC COUNTER-MEASURES TO AVERT THE FULL EFFECT OF THE PROCLAIMED ARAB EMBARGO, SAID THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THE WORK OF THE EC PERMREPS ON THE ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION. HE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS TO OFFER

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ON THESE OR ON THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS 1-17 BUT HE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED WITH THE US INTEREST IN KEEPING THE EXERCISE MOVING.

2. VAN LYNDEN ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A COMPLETED

OR NEARLY COMPLETED JOINT US-EC DRAFT READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY
THE EC MINISTERS WHEN THEY MEET IN COPENHAGEN ON NOVEMBER 20. THIS

SEQUENCE WOULD ALLOW FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
DURING THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER.

3. COMMENT: THE DUTCH WILL PROBABLY PLAY A SOMEWHAT LESS AND
PROMINENT ROLE THAN HERETOFORE IN FURTHER US-EC DELIBERATIONS ON THE
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN AND NEED TO
ACHIEVE AS MUCH EC SOLIDARITY AS POSSIBLE VIS-A-VIS THE ARAB OIL
BOYCOTT AGAINST THE NETHERLANDS. IN OTHER WORDS WE THINK
THE GON WILL TEND TO TAKE AN ACCOMMODATING POSITION IN THE COUNCILS OF

THE NINE IN ORDER TO AVOID ADDING TO THEIR PRESENT FEELING OF
ISOLATION ON THE OIL EMBARGO.
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